

REMARKS

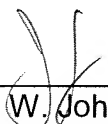
In the Office Action, a restriction requirement was placed on the pending claims. Specifically, restriction was required between claims 1-20 (Group I) and claims 21-38 (Group II). In response, Applicants elect to prosecute the invention of Group I. Furthermore, election was also required between the different species of the "second capture reagent." In response, Applicants elect the species of a "polyelectrolyte." Claims 1-6, 8-17, and 19-20 currently read on this species, and claims 1-6, 12-17, and 20 are generic.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in complete condition for allowance and favorable action, therefore, is respectfully requested. Examiner Diramio is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned, however, should any issues remain after consideration of this Response.

Please charge any additional fees required by this Response to Deposit Account No. 04-1403.

Respectfully requested,

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